GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ISSING OF TAGORE S NOBLE MEDAL
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of the missing of Rabindranath Tagore's Nobel Medal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Tagore's Nobel medallion may be lost forever;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Centre implements any plan to protect artifacts scattered in museums across the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM & CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b): Yes, sir, The medal was stolen from R.N. Memorial Museum, Bichitra, under Bishwa Bharati University, Shantiniketan, on 25.03.2004.

(c) & (d): A case has been registered with the Bolpur Police Station and subsequently it has been transferred to CBI for investigation

(e)& (f): Protected monuments and site museums under ASI and museums directly under the Ministry of Culture and its autonomous bodies have adopted measures for adequate protection by way of deploying CISF and Private Security Agencies, installation of CCTV, metal detector, fire smokers etc., wherever necessary.